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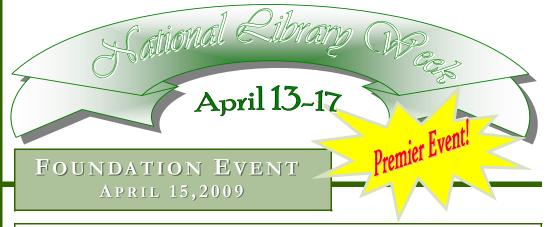
A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Did you know that the library has a programming committee? We have a talented team of library staff who work together to provide the programming the library offers to our community. This team is comprised of staff from both buildings and from all divisions within the library. They plan our programming months in advance so the schedule can be included in our quarterly newsletter.

In this issue of MCL Notes you will

read about the Teddy Bear Picnic, storytimes, book discussions, concerts, gardening, National Library Week events, the Big Read and our foundation's author fundraiser. If you and your family have never participated in any of these activities, why not give it a try? At the main library or the branch, no matter your age, there is something going on for everyone.

Come visit us and we will show you what we mean.



The Manchester City Library Foundation is pleased to announce that Jane Cleland will be our guest author at the 7th Annual Spring Author Fundraiser on Wednesday April 15th to be held at the main library. Ms. Cleland will be launching her latest book, *Killer Keepsakes*, which is part of the Josie Prescott Antiques Mysteries series. New Hampshire's very own Rebecca Rule will interview Ms. Cleland. Come join us for a lively evening with great food and wine. The event is \$50 per person and sign up begins the week of March 9th. We hope to see you at our Gala Event!

If you cannot attend the event but would still like a signed copy of Ms. Cleland's new book, stop by the information desk at the main library. *Killer Keepsakes* can be purchased for \$24.95 by check made payable to Manchester City Library Foundation. You can then pick up your signed copy beginning April 16th. For more information about Ms. Cleland and her books, visit her website, www.janecleland.net.

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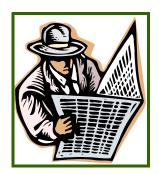
NEW FACES

We are pleased to announce the addition of several new staff members to the library department! Please help us welcome Liam, Lynn, Nicholas, Paula, Phillisha, and Sarah.

LIBRARY USAGE IN 2008

The libraries are proud and

pleased to announce that our usage for 2008 was yet another increase from last year. Our library users circulated 485,166 items in 2008! We challenge you to help us reach 500,000 in 2009. Stop in and get a library card so you can borrow an armful of library materials today!



19TH CENTURY NEWSPAPER COLLECTION PRESERVED

The library has completed the microfilming of our 19th century historical newspaper collection previously housed in the non-climate controlled library stacks. The bound newspapers were brittle and in need of preservation before they were damaged beyond repair.

To fund this project, the Manchester City Library Foundation received a grant from the Cogswell Benevolent Trust. The Trust was created according to the will of shoe factory magnate Leander Cogswell of Henniker, to continue his community support for future generations.

The newspapers contain valuable historical and genealogical information about Manchester and New Hampshire. Some of the many titles included on the films are the Weekly Union, Union Democrat, and NH Agriculturist from 1877 through 1890, and the NH Catholic from 1886-1892.

The microfilm will be housed in the New Hampshire Room, our local history collection. For more information about the newspaper collection and for the special hours of the room, call the library at 624-6550 ext. 306, email Cindy O'Neil at coneil@manchesternh. gov, or check the library's website.







COMING SOON: A NEW COMPUTING SYSTEM

Over the last decade computers have made startling inroads to our lives—libraries are no exception. Computers and the Internet are one of the most popular services libraries offer. As we all become more sophisticated computer users our needs and expectations have outpaced the capabilities of our library computers. That is why we are proud to announce that it's all going to change soon.

Our technology department has been working hard to plan for a brand new public computing system called Userful. Userful computers are specially designed to meet the needs of library computer users. Since each machine checks in regularly with a central server for changes, all machines

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will stay consistent. Centrally-located maintenance means far faster troubleshooting and the end of downtime! We hope that out-of-order signs and crashes will become a thing of the past in the library. When one user logs out, the computer reloads the default profile so the next person gets a clean slate.

Of course this will mean changes to the system we are used to. Userful is a different platform, so while it will do all the things (and more) that our computers do now, there will be differences. Programs like Word, Excel, Internet Explorer will become Word Processor, Spreadsheet, and Web Browser—they will look and behave slightly differently. There will be an adjustment for everyone, so please be patient while our staff gets

trained to handle any questions you may have with the new system.

This change comes courtesy of the Cote Family Estate and represents commitment and support from our Board of Trustees, our Library Foundation, the city's Information Systems division, and all library staff who have worked so hard on its implementation. We anticipate some downtime this spring while we make the change over to Userful. Watch our website for news about days computers will be unavailable, followed by the launch of this new system. If you have questions, concerns, or would like a preview of the new system please contact Lichen at 624-6550 ext. 324, Irancourt@manchesternh.gov, or

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The Great Gatsby: A short classic gets a Big Read



What do jazz music, Robert Redford, classic cars, and flapper costumes all have in common? They're all part of this spring's celebration, The Big Read: Southern New Hampshire Reads *The Great Gatsby*. The Big

Read is a nationwide initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, whose goal is to restore reading to the center of American culture.

Published in 1925, F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* is a tragic love story and social commentary on the decadent lifestyle of the wealthy during the Jazz Age, a dizzying period of innovation, prosperity, and changing social mores immediately following the first world war. Through the eyes of narrator Nick

Carraway, a Midwestern native out

of place among the Long Island elite, we meet his neighbor, young self-made millionaire Jay Gatsby. As Nick and Gatsby become acquainted, Nick discovers that everything about Gatsby—his wealth, his mansion, his decadent parties—is intended for a single purpose, a single dream: to win back the love of Daisy Buchanan, whom he lost years ago.

If you've never read *The Great Gatsby*, or haven't read it since high school, this is the perfect time to join thousands of people in discovering, or re-discovering, the great American novel. We hope the following events here at the library and other places throughout Manchester will inspire and enhance your enjoyment of the book.







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FILM-THE GREAT GATSBY

Wednesday, March 25th at 1:00 PM Auditorium

As part of our normal Wednesday af-

ternoon at the movies series, we will be showing the 1974 adaptation of the film, starring Robert Redford as Jay Gatsby and Mia Farrow as Daisy Buchanan.



A SOUNDTRACK FOR THE GREAT GATSBY: MUSIC OF THE JAZZ AGE, WITH PAUL COMBS

Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00 PM Auditorium

Set in 1922, Fitzgerald's novel coincides with the very early days of jazz recording, a seminal time in American Music. We will examine the lives and music of artists of the era, including James Reese Europe, Fletcher Henderson, Paul Whiteman, Jelly Roll Morton, Joe "King" Oliver and Ma Rainey. This program is made possible by a grant from the NH Humanities Council.



This jazz concert will be held on Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 PM in the auditorium.

WEST HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND



BOOK DISCUSSION: THE GREAT GATSBY

Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 PM New Hampshire Room

This discussion is part of the monthly series led by West Branch Librarian Sarah Basbas. Call Sarah at 624-6560 for more information.

The Manchester City Library is

pleased to be working with the Northeast Cultural Coop in presenting The Big Read. Other participating towns include: Amherst, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Deering, Fitzwilliam, Goffstown, Hampstead, Hollis, Milford and New Boston. More events are coming! Visit www.neabigread.org in the following weeks for more information.



SPRING FILM SCHEDULE

Wednesday Afternoon Films-1:00 PM

March 4th - Patch Adams (comedy, PG-13)

March 11th - His Girl Friday (romantic comedy, NR)

March 18th - Pleasantville

(drama, PG-13)

March 25th - The Great Gatsby (drama, PG)

April 1st - *Pirates of the Caribbean* (adventure, PG-13)

April 8th - Short Circuit

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(comedy, PG)

April 15th - Oceans Eleven

(drama, NR)

April 22nd - Erin Brokovich

(drama, R)

April 29th - 42nd Street

(musical, NR)

May 6th - Murder on the Orient Express (mystery, PG) May 13th - Pay It Forward

(drama, PG-13)

May 20th Close Encounters of the Third Kind

(sci-fi, PG)

May 27th - Rain Man (drama, R)



-Tuesday night-INDEPENDENT FOREIGN FILMS 6PM

March 10th - Ben X (Flemish, drama/fantasy, not rated)

April 14th - The Trap (Serbian, drama, not rated) May 12th - Under the Bombs

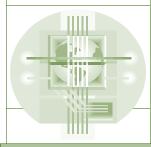
(Arabic, drama, not rated)

-THURSDAY NIGHT-NEW RELEASES 6PM

March 26th - Twilight (fantasy, PG-13)

April 23rd - TBA May 28th - TBA

Sign up to receive **MCL Notes**



Go to our Website at www.manchester.lib.nh.us

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Thursday Evening Book Discussion Group

Meets from 7:00 to 8:15 PM

March 12th - A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius by Dave Eggers April 9th - The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald May 14th - Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen

For more information, contact Sarah Basbas at 624-6560.

Brown Bag Book Club

Meets from 12:15 to 1:30 PM

March 31st - Watership Down by Richard Adams

April 28th - The Air We Breathe

by Andrea Barrett

May 26th - Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen

For more information, contact Arlene Letourneau at 624-6550 ext. 605.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Cook Better Live Better with Chef Joseph Stanislaw

Thursday, March 5th at 1:30 PM

Winchell Room

Elliot Hospital's Cook Better! Live Better! program is a healthy cooking pro-

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gram designed to reacquaint you with your kitchen. What you eat affects your health, and by choosing healthy foods you can reduce the risk of heart disease, cancer, and other diseases. Cooking at home is one of the simplest and yet most effective healthy choices you can make because you can see the ingredients and know what is in each serving you eat. It's a great way to plan and keep track of calories, portion sizes, and nutrients.

Joe Stanislaw, Elliot Hospital's Director of Food and Nutrition, and Marilyn Mills, Licensed Registered Dietitian and Community Outreach Coordinator, entertain and educate audiences with delicious recipes aimed at keeping energy levels high and immune systems strong. The Cook Better! Live Better! program's focus is on healthy alternatives, food safety techniques, food sampling and a live cooking demonstration. All who attend leave with handouts on nutritional facts and class recipes. Seating is limited, and reservations are recommended. For more information, contact Michele at 624-6550 ext. 343.

PLAN FOR YOUR RETIREMENT



Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 PM Winchell Room

Certified Financial Planner Mike Bonacorsi will discuss how to create a vision of your retirement, the importance of staying mentally sharp, physically healthy, and silver linings in today's economy. His book, Retirement Readiness: A Guide to Creating Your Vision, Knowing Your Position, and Preparing for Your Future, is a tool for anyone to use in working out the difficult decisions of how and when to retire. Each chapter includes worksheets that encourage the reader to set realistic goals, create a timeline and prepare for any bumps in the road before they happen. Copies will be available for purchase following the program. Bonacorsi has twenty years of experience in the financial world. For more information, call Steve Viggiano at 624-6550 ext. 323.



WHAT MY PET NEEDS

Saturday, April 4th at 1:00 PM Winchell Room

Have questions about pet care? Join Timothy Feltz, DVM of Caring Hands Animal Hospital for an informational talk about caring for your animals. Topics include vaccinations, spaying or neutering, and when it's necessary to call the Vet. Bring your questions for Dr. Feltz to answer. Registration is required. For more information, call Ruth at 624-6550 ext. 307.



GROW YOUR OWN FOOD

Monday, April 13th at 7:00 PM Winchell Room

This workshop, presented by Margaret Hagen of the UNH Cooperative Extension, will cover the basics necessary to plan and start up a garden

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to grow food. Participants will learn the answers to questions such as: Where should the garden be located? How large should it be? What should be grown? How many plants do you really need? How do you start plants from seed? Where do you buy supplies? And where do you go for help? Seating is limited, and reservations are recommended. For more information, call Yvonne at 624-6550 ext. 320.



ARTHRITIS ANSWERS

Thursday May 28th at 6:30 PM Auditorium

Margaret Duffy, Regional Program Director for the New England chapter of the Arthritis Foundation will present the basics about arthritis and discuss topics that include how to know if you have arthritis, how to manage the pain, treatment options beyond medication, and how to live better with the condition. Resource materials will be provided. No registration is required. For more information, contact Ruth 624-6550 ext. 307.



SENIOR COFFEE HOUR

Friday mornings from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Winchell Room

Join us for coffee, tea, healthy snacks, board/card games, and

good conversation. You are more than welcome to bring along any sewing, knitting, or crocheting project to work on as well. This program will meet every Friday until May 29, 2009. For more information, please contact Karyn at 624-6550 ext. 335.

SPRING DROP-IN AND KNIT



First Tuesday of March, April, and May 12:30 to 2:30 PM, Hunt Room

Bring your spring knitting project to knit while watching a movie, or talk with other knitters.



LET'S GO FLY FISHING FOR TROUT

Thursdays, March 26, April 2, April 9, April 16 6:30 PM in the Winchell Room

This series of 2-hour classes is designed for the beginner and intermediate fly fisher and cover all aspects of trout fishing with a fly rod in NH. Topics include equipment, knots, laws, ethics and conservation, trout and their diet, fly tying, fishing strategies, where to fish in NH and fly casting. All equipment is provided by the Fish and Game Department's Aquatic Education Division and the Merrimack TU Chapter. Instructors, Gerry Crow and Stan Jodziewicz, are

from the TU Chapter and certified by the Fish and Game Department. In addition to the dates listed above, a casting class will be held Saturday, April 25 at Lake Massabesic from 9 am to 11 am. Registration for these classes is limited to 16 people, and participants must be 12 or older, or accompanied by a parent. To register, contact Steve Viggiano@manchesternh.gov, or visit the library's website. Additional information is available at www.merrimacktu.org.



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FOR THE TEENS!

Camera Club

Thursday, March 12th from 4:00-5:00 PM in the Winchell Room

Thursday, April 16th from 4:00-5:00 PM in the Hunt Room

Our NHIA photography major intern, Nathalie, will show you how to take really cool pictures with an ordinary camera. Please bring your camera and ideas.



TEEN AVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesdays, March 17th, April 21st, and May 19th

4:30-5:30 PM in the Hunt Room

Come help the library plan and advertise teen activities. Also, share what you are reading, listening to and playing.



TEEN BOOK CLUB

Friday, March 20th Thursday, April 30th Friday May 29th

4:30-5:30 PM in the Hunt Room

Get together to talk about great books with other teens! In March, we will be discussing Looking for Alaska by John Green. April and May titles TBA.



GUITAR HERO TOURNAMENT

Thursdays, March 26th, April 23rd, and May 21st 3:30-5:30 PM in the Winchell Room

Come test your skills in tournament-style play. This gaming session is the second of our winter season. The top three point earners for the season will be awarded prizes in April.



DANCE DANCE REVOLUTION

Saturdays, April 25th and May 23rd 1:30-3:30 PM in the Winchell Room

Join us for a DDR tournament to challenge your friends and even Kate, our Teen Librarian!

For more information on teen programs, contact Kate Norton at 624-6550 ext. 324,

knorton@manchesternh.gov, or AIM: katehwtt.

IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Spring Storytimes

Beginning the week of April 6th, our spring storytimes will begin. Preschool storytime for 4-5 years old will be held Tuesday mornings. Registration is not required for preschool storytime. Toddler storytimes for 2-3 years old will meet Wednesday mornings. And for our youngest patrons, 0-23 months, Lap-sit storytime will be on Friday mornings. All sessions begin at 9:30 AM and will be held in the Winchell Room. Family storytime for all ages will meet Saturday mornings beginning at 10:30 AM.



Come join us for the Manchester City Library's Annual Teddy Bear Picnic. At 11:30 AM we will gather in the Children's Room and, when everyone is ready, we will parade through the library and cross the street to Victory

JUNGLE PARTY

Join us for a jungle party. We'll take a

walk through the jungle and see who

we meet along the way. We will be

Monday, March 16th at 10:00 AM

Winchell Room

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

Park for a performance by Magician Peter Boie. Don't forget to bring your teddy bears! Registration is not required. For more information, please call 624-6550 ext. 328.

walking like animals, playing games, and making a cool craft. Refreshments will be served. Children age 2-5 years old are invited. Registra-

LET'S DANCE

tion is required. For more informa-

tion, please call Karyn at 624-6550

ext. 335.

Monday, April 6th at 10:00 AM Winchell Room

Let's strike up the band and getting ready to boogie. Come make your own instruments to play with the band. Refreshments will be served. Children age 2-5 years old are invited. Registration is required. For more information, please call Karyn at 624-6550 ext. 335.

LET'S BE SILLY

Monday, May 4th at 10:00 AM Winchell Room

Come and be silly. Wear your most silly clothes, listen to funny stories and make a crazy craft. Refreshments will be

served. Children age 2-5 years old are invited. Registration is required. For more information, please call Karyn at 624-6550 ext. 335.













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PROCESS ART STORYTIME

Thursdays, March 5th, April 9th, May 7th 11:00 AM in the Winchell Room

Not a fan of coloring inside the lines? This is your storytime. Kids ages 2-5 are invited to join us once a month for stories and art endeavors that emphasize the creative process more than the end product. Don't wear your best clothes - we may make a mess! (No promises, though!) Registration is required. For more information, contact Amy Graves at 624-6550 ext. 328.

Thursdays, March 26th, April 23rd, May 21st

11:00 AM in the Winchell Room If you have an active 2 to 5-yearold, let them use up some of their energy at this movement-oriented storytime, where sitting still is kept to a minimum. We'll dance, stretch,

MOVEMENT STORYTIME

jump, play, and maybe run (a little). With any luck, we may even have a positive impact on flexibility and coordination. For more information, contact Amy Graves at 624-6550 ext. 328.

WE'RE ON THE WEB! Go to www.manchester.lib.nh.us

EARLY RELEASE PROGRAMS

On Manchester School District early release days, students can come to the library for drop-in craft sessions from 1:30-3:30 PM in the Winchell Room. There will be 3-4 crafts for you to make and take home. Here is what is happening:

Friday, March 20th - Spring Crafts Friday, April 10th - Easter Crafts

Thursdays, March 19th and April 16th 4:00 PM in the Winchell Room Join Liz, our NHIA intern, as she takes children in grades K-2 on a Book Adventure. Each month, Liz will pick an

author and plan activities and crafts

based on their books. Our featured

BOOK ADVENTURE CLUB

authors will be Maurice Sendak in March and Lois Ehlert in April. Registration is recommended. For more information, please call Karyn at 624-6550 ext. 335.

SIGN UP FOR MCL NOTES!



CHILDREN'S ART CLUB

Tuesdays, March 24th and April 21st 4:00 PM in the Winchell Room

Do you like to draw, paint and be creative? Join Liz, once a month as she plans activities and crafts that will teach you the basics of drawing, painting, and other creative fun. Children in grades 3-5 are invited to join. Registration is recommended. For more information, please call Karyn at 624-6550 ext. 335.

WRITER'S CLUB

Wednesdays, March 11th, April 22nd, May 13th 3:30 PM in the Winchell Room

Young writers in grades 3-5 are invited to join us once a month for creative writing activities. You can bring along some of your own writing to share, if you'd like. All abilities, from beginners to accomplished authors, are welcome. For more information, contact Amy Graves at 624-6550 ext. 328.



SCRABBLE / FAMILY GAME AFTERNOON

Saturdays, March 21st, April 18th, and May 16th
2:00 PM in the Winchell Room
Do you like to play Scrabble? What about other board games? Bring your

Scrabble board or favorite board game to library for our family game afternoon, or try one of the games we have on-hand at the library. Everyone is welcome, no registration required.

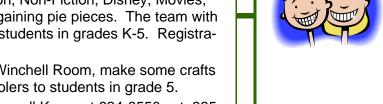


SPRING VACATION WEEK

We have many activities planned for you during your break from school.

On Thursday, April 30th at 2:30 PM in the Winchell Room, come test your knowledge while playing Life-Sized Trivial Pursuit. As you move around the game board answering questions on Children's Fiction, Non-Fiction, Disney, Movies, Fairytales and Children's Authors, you will be gaining pie pieces. The team with the most pie pieces wins! This program is for students in grades K-5. Registration is recommended.

On Friday, May 1st from 1:30-3:30 PM in the Winchell Room, make some crafts for Mother's Day. This program is for preschoolers to students in grade 5. For more information on the vacation programs, call Karyn at 624-6550 ext. 335.





The libraries will be collecting non-perishable foods in May to support the NH Food Bank. For more information, contact Steve Viggiano at sviggiano@manchesternh.gov or 624-6550 ext. 323.



ON THE WEST SIDE

Museum Passes

Are you planning your next "staycation"? West Manchester Community Library offers money-saving passes to Boston's Museum of Science, Museum of Fine Arts, and the New England Aquarium. Check pass details and availability at the library's website (www.manchester.lib.nh.us)

and reserve a pass with your Manchester library card number and PIN/password. If you do not have a PIN, please visit the library to get one. Passes may also be reserved by calling 624-6560. Thanks to the Friends of the West Manchester Community Library for funding these passes.



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Movies @ the West Library











Friday Movies

Every Friday at 3:00 see a great movie on our movie projector/big screen system. Scheduled for March and April are:

March 6th - Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (PG)

March 13th - Alvin & the Chipmunks (PG)

March 20th - Madagascar Escape 2 Africa (PG) March 27st - *Twilight* (PG-13) April 3rd - *Beverly Hills Chihuahua* (PG)

April 10th - Bedtime Stories (PG) April 17th - Tale of Despereaux (G) April 24th - Space Buddies (G)

Check the Library calendar on our website for what will be showing in May.

Dr. Suess's Birthday Party

The Cat in the Hat is back! We'll be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday on Saturday, March 7th at 2:00 PM with cake, special book readings, and crafts.

A VISIT FROM FUNGO

When baseball season begins in March, mascots Fungo and Slider from the Fisher Cats will be visiting West. The date has not officially been set - check the library's calendar for more information.

On April 8th at 6:30 PM, Doris from Chalifour's will demonstrate how to make the perfect floral decorations for Easter or Mother's Day. She'll be raffling off her creations and bringing a special gift for all participants.

SPRING DECORATIONS

Seating is limited, so registration is recommended. Call 624-6560 or register online.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

Our annual Teddy Bear Picnic will take place April 30th at 12:00 PM. Don't forget your favorite teddy bear and bag lunch.

Entertainer Judy Pancoast will perform at West on May 16th at 2:00 PM as part of our celebration of Children's Book Week. Judy is a very special singer, songwriter and high-energy performer who will keep kids and their parents singing

JUDY PANCOAST

and interacting throughout the show. Seating is limited, so registration is recommended. Call 624-6560 or register online.